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WAUKESHA COUNTY TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF TWO MAJOR PROJECTS IN 2012

The Construction is Part of Waukesha County's 2012-2016 Capital Plans

WAUKESHA, Wis. – Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas announced today that two major projects will begin construction next year as slated in the County's 2012-2016 Capital Plans. Both the construction of the County's Health and Human Services building and County Trunk Highway (CTH) L (Janesville Road) in the City of Muskego will begin in 2012.

The County's 5-Year Capital Plans allow for the County to carefully plan and strategically budget for major capital projects including buildings and roads.

Some changes were made in the Health and Human Services building Capital Plans project via County Board Ordinance last week to take advantage of an estimated \$500,000 in savings due to the current favorable bidding climate. Waukesha County received favorable bids for the Health and Human Services Building and can coordinate and procure materials this fall allowing for a strong construction start next spring.

The widening of CTH L from CTH Y (Racine Avenue) to Moorland Road from, two lanes to four, will also begin in 2012. The project, which was originally proposed in 2007, was updated as part of Vrakas' 2010-2014 Capital Plans. The first phase of the project, completed in 2006, from the east county line to CTH O (Moorland Road) was a \$11.3 million project.

This project represents the largest financial investment for a highway project ever made by Waukesha County. To help cover the costs of the project, the County needed to use its federal highway allocations to help fund the expansion.

By using federal money for the project, the County was required to enhance their Environmental Assessment to meet federal standards causing a delay in the construction of the project.

The Capital Plan portion of the 2012 budget will be introduced to the County Board of Supervisors on September 1st. The County Board will review Vrakas' full 2012 Budget in late September with final passage expected in November.

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